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OF THE

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OF THE

Palestine Association of Regular Baptists

HELD WITH

MT. GILEAD CHURCH

Jasper County, Ill.

October 1, 2, and 3

1909

Moderator, Elder J. L. Cox
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PROGRAM FOR 1910.

FRIDAY.

10:00 A. M.	Call to Order and Prayer.
10:10	Presenting Letters.
10:20	Reading Letters and Enrolling Messengers.
10:50	Application of Churches for Membership.
11:00	Election of Officers.
11:45	Appointment of Committees:
	On Divine Service.
	On Obituaries.
	On Resolutions.
	On Denominational Literature.
	On Associational Missions.
	On State Missions.
	On Home Missions.
	On Foreign Missions.
	On Publication Society and Sunday School Work.
	On Woman's Work in Missions.
	On Ministers Aid Society.
	On B. Y. P. U. Society.
12:00 M.	Adjournment.
2:30 P. M.	Devotional Service.
3:00	Report on Committees and Addresses.
5:00	Adjournment.
7:00	Devotional Service.
7:30	Annual Sermon by W. P. Chamness; Alternate, M. V. Gilbert
	Adjournment.

SATURDAY.

8:30	Devotional Services.
9:00	Reports of Committees and Addresses.
11:00	Doctrinal Sermon by W. J. Moore; Alternate, T. J. Wheeler.
11:45	Report on Divine Services.
12:00 M.	Adjournment.
2:30 P. M.	Devotional Services.
3:00	Further Reports of Committees.
3:30	Selecting Next Place and Preachers.
4:00	Miscellaneous Business. Appointment for Printing and Distributing of Minutes. Other Business.
	Adjournment.
7:00	Service to be arranged by Committee on Divine Service.

SUNDAY.

This Service will be in the hands of same Committee.

MINUTES.

The Palestine Association of Regular Baptists met in its 70th Anniversary with Mt Gilead church, Jasper county, Illinois, on Friday, October 1, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m. The Moderator being absent the Clerk called the Association to order. On motion Elder Carpenter was chosen Moderator pro tem. On taking the chair Elder T. D. Davis was asked to read scripture and offer prayer; Elder W. P. Chamness offered prayer. Churches called and letters presented and messengers names recorded. Elders T. J. Wheeler, W. P. Chamness and D. H. Clements assigned to read the letters.

BETHANY—A. Plunkett, Geo. Howard and wife, John Everett and wife, M. D. Finney and wife.

BETHEL—Pastor D. H. Clements.

GOOD HOPE—Pastor J. H. Fuson.

1ST HUTSONVILLE—Pastor, W. J. Moore, Eld. I. C. Tedford and wife.

HUTSONVILLE—Pastor W. J. Moore, Eld. J. L. Cox, J. M. Vorheis and wife, G. B. Everingham and wife.

HIDALGO—C. Dunn and wife, Jerry Dunn, Ivuna Howard, Ethel Moore, Kittie Lyons, Nettie Kelly, Jeff Dunn, Dollie Briggs.

ISLAND GROVE—Pastor Chamness, W. B. Hills, H. V. Hix, Geo.Towell, Alva Morgan, Harry Hix, Eliza Hills, Lucy Hills, Beatrice Downey.

IMMANUEL—No letter or messenger.

LIBERTY---Pastor I. C. Tedford.

LAWRENCEVILLE---Pastor T. J. Wheeler, Joseph Plough, Wm. Wright, J. V. Lowe, F. H. Francis.

MT ZION---Pastor I. C. Tedford, L. C. Conover, Samuel Ransford.

MT GILEAD---Pastor W. R. Strader, R. S. Cummins, John Mitchell, Polly Cummins.

NEW HAVEN---M. Lyons, Haley Mullins, Allie Gable.

MT OLIVE---Eld. Z. Jones, D. H. Clements, Scott Goss, Zelphia Clements, Dollie Wheeler, Prevo Ralston, Alice Maddox, George Clements, Ross McCrory, S. F. McDonald.

OLIVE BRANCH---Pastor Chamness, Charles Nave, Mary Nave, William Bryan, Dora Bryan, Orvil Rockwell, Elvin Swope.

PLEASANT GROVE---B. D. Neal, J. W. Neal. No letter.

PRAIRIE GROVE---Pastor Tedford, John Drake, Nola Drake, Fannie Drake, M. Drake and wife, T. Randolph and wife.

PRIOR GROVE---J. N. Baldwin and wife, Cora Rains, J. W. Fielder.

PLEASANT STAR---Pastor M. V. Gilbert, James Russell and wife, Robert Russell.

ROBINSON---Pastor W. T. Carpenter, James Parr and wife, Mrs. John Gleek, D. E. Burt.

SALEM---Pastor J. W. Neal, R. M. Parr and wife, C. M. Roberts, Albert Dillman and wife, J. E. Hamilton, W. A. Hamilton, Pearl Hamilton, Maggie Scott, Etta Hamilton, Maggie Calvert, Kate Hamilton, Osie Hamilton, Hugh Eubank and wife, Hugh Manning, W. D. Gromer and wife, N. D. Loving, J. S. McKinzie and wife.

YALE---Ida Cohoon, Elmer Cohoon, J. W. Cummins. No letter.

At this hour the Moderator came in and the chair was given to him. Call for new churches. It was then announced the election of officers was in order. On motion that the present officers be continued, vote unanimous, Elder J. L. Cox, Moderator, Elder J. W. Neal, Clerk, was declared elected. Elder B. F. Rodman offered prayer. Correspondence called for as follows:

Westfield, Elders T. D. Davis, W. R. Strader, Zillman Jones.

Olney, Joseph Brown, Stephen Brown, Elder J. H. Fuson.

Pub. Society and Illinois State Convention, Elder E. P. Brand.

Illinois Baptist State Association, Elder B. F. Rodman.

Committees appointed: On Resolutions, Elders Carpenter, Rodman, Brand, J. H. Fuson.

On Divine Service: Pastor and messengers of Mt Gilead church.

On Obituary: R. S. Cummins, L. C. Conover, C. Dunn.

On State Missions: Elder Carpenter.

On motion adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m. Benediction, Elder J. H. Fuson.

Met at 2:30 p. m. Song. Prayer by J. H. Fuson.

Correspondents appointed:

Westfield, W. P. Chamness, George Towell.
Olney, T. J. Wheeler, M. Drake and wife.
Mattoon, A. R. Loving.
Secretaries appointed. See directory.

Elder E. P. Brand gave an address on State Missions followed by Elder B. F. Rodman. Report read:

The work of giving gospel in the state of Illinois is a work of great importance because of the increase in population. The increase is greatest by far of any state in the Union except Oklahoma.

2nd—Because of the incoming of foreigners into the state; the farms are being bought in north part of the state by Germans and Scandinavians. There our churches are being weakened.

3rd—The towns in the state are growing rapidly as manufacturing centers, this is true all over the state, especially in the northwest part.

4th—The coal and oil in the center and southern parts are causing a great growth in these parts of the state. We can put forth great efforts in the foreign fields only as we have strong churches in the state trained to give on the foreign fields, therefore because of these and other means we should lend every effort to give the gospel truthes to all parts of the state, cities, towns and country. On motion adodted. W. T. CARPENTER.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your committee report that our mission has done a great work in the past few years by preaching at various points and by establishing a good church at Lawrenceville the county seat of Lawrence county, Ill., and fostering it up to the present time. Would advise to continue the work in the Association as there are several points that could be successfully worked. to-wit: West Union, Oblong, Flat Rock, etc. Respectfully submitted.

J. W. NEAL, Com. On motion adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, as your committee on Home Missions, beg to submit to you the following: By reference to the letters we find 17 churches is represented by letter and that 10 of them have made offerings for Home Missions to the amount of $49.09. We urge our churches to give more freely for this work. In view of the work of the Home Society and the work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention there is no return, our blanks neglecting this work.

T. J. WHEELER, Com. On motion adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee asks to submit to you the following: Whereas, the Master's commission is so far reaching as to embrace the whole world for He has commanded the church to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" but there are so many in the far away islands of the seas who have never heard the sweet old story of the cross, and the duty of sending the gospel is so important. Therefore, we recommend that we as His churches exercise more diligence and universal good will toward all men (which is charity) and give more liberal of our means to the support of the department of our church work, world wide missions. We would recommend the foreign work of Brothers Davis and Isaacs as a worthy cause; prayers, sympathy, thus work with all the foreign field.

W. P. CHAMNESS. On motion adopted.

OBITUARY REPORT.

We, your committee on Obituary, beg leave to report the following: By reference to the reports from the different churches we find it has pleased the Great Head of the church to remove from us of our members as follows: Bethany--Abraham Huddlestun, R. M. Finney; Salem--Lydia Miller; 1st Hutsonville—Emily Cox, Thomas Acord; Hutsonville—Lenora Dix; Liberty—Deacon John Cunningham, Alversa Higgins; Lawrenceville—Milton Kale, Whitney Neff; Prior Grove--Frances Shoulders; Mt. Zion--Mary J. Crozier; Mt. Gilead Medline Ping; Good Hope-- Two, names not reported; New Haven---One, name not reported. While we deeply feel their loss we also feel that our loss is their eternal gain.

R. S. CUMMINS,
C. DUNN, } Com.
L. C. CONOVER,

Adjourned to meet at 7:00 p. m. Benediction by Elder Carpenter.

Met at 7:00 p. m. Devotional service by Elder Gilbert. The hour for the annual sermon having come Elder Carpenter read the 19th Psalm and offered prayer. Elder I. C. Tedford took the stand and preached the sermon from text: How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation. Heb. 2 part 3rd verse.

Adjourned to meet at 9:00 a. m. tomorrow. Benediction by Elder Brand.

Met Oct. 2, at 9:00 a.m. Devotional service led by Elder Tedford. Prayer.

Report on Resolutions called for.

1. Resolved, that we urge our churches to contribute more generously to our Missionary Board, State, Home, Foreign, Pub. Society. On motion adopted.

2. That we urge our churches to do all that they can to put a stop to desecrating the Lord's day. On motion adopted.

3. That we recommend to our churches and young people the advisability of organizations of B. Y. P. U for their growth in grace and knowledge of the scriptures; to help develop them as christian workers. On motion adopted.

4. That in view of the great work of the Anti-Saloon League and in the influence it has had in driving the saloon from so many places, therefore Resolved, That we express our sympathy with the League and our support for it. On motion adopted.

5. Resolved, that we recommend that our pastors and teachers be urged to teach persistently our distinctive doctrines at any opportunity. On motion adopted.

6. Resolution on change of time for holding annual meeting. Vote taken and lost.

7. Resolved, that we extend our thanks to the Mt. Gilead church and neighbors for their generous hospitality by a rising vote. Unanimously adopted.

Report of Missionary Pastor at Lawrenceville.

Dear Brethren: As Missionary Pastor at Lawrenceville I beg to submit to you the following report: The year has been one of blessings; the growth of the work has been steady and we believe permanent; the church is coming nearer and nearer self support; we have tried to reach the best service possible. The following is a brief summary of the work. Days of service 190, number sermons preached 96, addresses given 15, prayer meetings attended 53, religious visits 280, converts 6, baptisms 8, received from church $150. From Mission Board $150. Total $300.

T. J. WHEELER, Missionary Pastor.

At 11:30 a. m. time for the doctrinal sermon having passed Elder J. L. Cox read the 24th Psalm and Elder W. P. Chamness offered prayer. Elder Cox then took the stand and preached the doctrinal sermon, text: This is the way, walk ye in it. Isaiah 30, part of 21st verse, after which adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m. Benediction, Elder Strader.

Met at 2:30 p. m. Prayer by Elder A. R. Loving.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION SOCIETY AND S. S. WORK.

Dear Brethren: We find by reference to letters that we have at least sixteen evergreen Sunday Schools with good attendance and interest, for which we would commend them and also four others that run part of the year; we would recommend that all of our churches arrange and maintain an evergreen Baptist S. S. and secure a pure literature for all our schools. As to our Publication Society they have recently published some pernicious book and frequently in their notes in the Sunday School helps they deny the bible teaching as Baptists understand it, and so far has it gone that some of our churches are now buying their literature from the Southern Board. Therefore, we would recommend this body instruct our Clerk to write to our Pub. Society and ask them that they, without fail, put nothing but the truth of God in our Sunday Schools' hands, and then if they fail we would recommend that our churches turn to a pure literature.

D. H. CLEMENTS, }
A. R. LOVING, } Com.

On motion, after addresses by Elder Tedford, Bro. Everingham, Elders Clements, Moore, Jones, Loving and Chamness, adopted.

Selecting place to hold the next anniversary being in order the following churches put in nomination: Prior Grove, Liberty, 1st Hutsonville, Pleasant Star, Olive Branch, Salem. On vote being taken, Salem was chosen.

Adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m. Benediction, Elder A. C. Kelly.

Met at 7:30 p. m. Prayer and praise service led by Elder Wheeler. Selecting preacher to preach annual and doctrinal sermons; Elder W. P. Chamness was selected for annual sermon, Elder M. V. Gilbert, alternate. Elder Moore was selected for doctrinal sermon, Elder Wheeler, alternate. On motion Clerk to superintend and distribute minutes and retain $10 for his service. Elder A. C. Kelly presented the interest of the Hudelson Home

ar? on motion [illegible] offering for same $[illegible]. Elder J. H. [illegible]

[illegible] at Willow Hill, Illinois, on Friday before the [illegible] o'clock a. m. at Willow Hill, Ill.

[illegible] preached on the church and [illegible] at night Elder M. V. [illegible]

J. L. Cox,
Moderator.

J. W. [illegible], Clerk

Oct[illegible]er 2, 1909. [illegible] in connection with the Association which convened with Mt. [illegible] Church, Jasper County, Illinois, Oct. [illegible], 1909. [illegible] J. L. Cox, Chairman, Elders D. [illegible], [illegible] Wheeler, Bro. George Towell and L. C. Conover. [illegible] Scripture reading and prayer conducted by [illegible]

[illegible] Missionary Pastor at Lawrenceville [illegible]

[illegible], Secretary and Treasurer of Mission Board, made report of [illegible] Missionary Moneys as follows: Amount on hand [illegible] Received from all sources during [illegible] has paid out as follows: T. J. [illegible] Lawrenceville $150.00; for postage and [illegible] $[illegible]. The following is an itemized statement of receipts:

[illegible]		From Individuals	
Sandy	[illegible]	[illegible] Baker	$2 00
Mt. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] Cox	1 00
Oak [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] Forbes	1 00
Island Grove	[illegible]	[illegible] Rains	1 00
Pleasant [illegible]	[illegible]	Mary Rains	50
Lawrenceville	[illegible]	Mary Green	50
Mt. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible], Newlin	50
Providence	[illegible]	[illegible] Forbis	50
Hickory [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] Hand	25
Liberty	[illegible]		
Salem [illegible] S.	[illegible]	Rec'd from Individuals	$ 7 25
Rec'd from Churches	[illegible]		

On motion [illegible] recommend to the Association that Bro. Wheeler be [illegible] as much of his time as possible and that the Association pledge [illegible] the amount of seventy five ($75) dollars if the [illegible] Board agrees to do his own local mission work [illegible] and the Secretary was asked to take [illegible] of the fact that there has been some work done at West Liberty and the church to be a promising field for Baptist work, on motion the Board recommend to the Association that they consider that point [illegible] for the ensuing year. It being the time for the electing of two members of the Board and the time of Bros. Towell and Conover having expired they were elected as members of the Mission Board for the ensuing three years. There being no further business, Board adjourned to meet in connection with the S. S. Convention the last of October, 1909.

J. L. Cox,
President.

L. C. Conover, Sec. and Treas.

Sunday School Statistics.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS	Number of Scholars	Officers and Teachers	Number of Scholars	Average Attendance	No. Baptized from School
Bethany	Charles Swim	1	8	25	20	1
Bethel	Effie Walters	1	8	60	25	
Good Hope						
First Hutsonville	John Hash	1	11	89	40	
Hutsonville	J. M. Voorheis	1	12	40	35	6
Hidalgo	C. Dunn	1	8	50	27	3
Island Grove	Henry Hix	1	10	65	52	4
Immanuel						
Liberty	C. A. Dickinson	1	9	52	35	
Lawrenceville	J. V. Lowe	1	13	100	62	5
Mt. Olive	Ella Maddox	1	12	90	50	
Mt. Zion	Wm. Thompson	1	6	35	25	8
Mt. Gilead	Harry Allison	1	7	30	25	2
New Haven	Marion Lions	1	8	56	45	
Olive Branch	Harry McDaniel	1	12	70	87	2
Pleasant Grove						
Prairie Grove	John Drake	1	11	47	40	
Prior Grove	Noble Raines	1	13	76	35	22
Pleasant Star	Sylvia White	1	9		40	17
Robinson	Ed S. Baker	1	13	100	69	1
Salem	R. Steinfort	2	10	156	76	
Yale						
		19	180	1142	768	71

CHURCH STATISTICS

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CHURCH CLERKS	Increase			Decrease			Present Membership	Non-Resident	Total Value of Church Property	For Minutes	Current Expense	Sunday School Expense	Total Expense
		Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Erasure	Death							
Bethany, W S Cooper	M D Finney, Greenup R3	3					2	64		$ 650	$ 1 50	$128 00	$ 5 00	$ 134 50
Bethel, D H Clements	Alice Miller, Palestine	1	1	1	3	5	1	64		1500	1 25	100 00	12 25	113 50
Good Hope, J H Fuson	W J Weger, Flat Rock	9		4	1		2	144	26	500	2 40	282 00		284 40
1st Hutsonville, W J Moore	Atwood Bowles, Hutsonville	1	14		1		2	180	30	3000	1 00	286 00	36 00	323 00
Hutsonville, W J Moore	Laura M Cox Hutsonville	6	1			3	1	91		600	1 75	269 20	24 55	295 50
Hidalgo, W S Cooper	C Dunn, Hidalgo	4	1		2	1		138	49	800	1 30	117 00	24 00	142 30
Island Grove, W P Chamness	Rosa Mills, West Union	4			6	2		92	25	1000	2 00	113 75	18 50	134 25
Immanuel.	A D Hale, Robinson R7							10	6	1500				
Liberty, I C Tedford	C A Dickinson, Flat Rock						2	96		3200	1 50	397 32	21 00	419 82
Lawrenceville, T J Wheeler	Ella Wheeler, Lawrenceville	8			1		2	78	25	2600	2 00	356 05	60 32	418 37
Mt Olive, Z Jones	S W Goss, Hutsonville	5			3	2		117	30	1050	2 50	154 70	17 00	174 20
Mt Zion, I C Tedford	L C Conover, Lawrenceville	10					2	70	16	1000	1 00	135 00	10 00	146 00
Mt Gilead, W R Strader	R S Cummins, Rose Hill	2		2			1	51	6	1100	1 08	100 00	8 00	109 08
New Haven, W S Cooper	Ross Greeson, Greenup						1	42	6	1200	1 00	85 00	22 00	108 00
Olive Branch, W P Chamness	Harry McDaniel, Martinsville R3	2			1	2	1	95	22	1500	2 00	191 50	22 87	216 37
Pleasant Grove, W W Kelley	W A McCabe, Willow Hill							59	16	1200				
Prairie Grove, I C Tedford	Jennie Henry, Annapolis R2							58		1000	2 00	260 00	10 00	272 00
Prior Grove, W A Sanders	Cornelia Brehm, Oblong	22	5	3		2	1	56	4	1100	1 40	157 27	11 00	169 67
Pleasant Star, M V Gilbert	Sylvia White, Oblong R3	17		4	3			66	28	800	1 00	43 36	4 50	48 86
Robinson, W T Carpenter	Libbie Watts, Robinson	2	18		2			103	19	2500	1 00	877 34	115 00	993 34
Salem, J W Neal	G P Ireland, Willow Hill	6	2	2	3	3	1	183	33	1000	2 30	150 89	15 00	168 19
Yale.								21	10					
	Totals	102	42	16	26	20	19	1878	351	$28800	$29 98	4204 38	$436 99	$4671 35

CHURCH STATISTICS

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	State Missions	American Baptist Home Mission Society	Women's B. H. M. Society	Missionary Union or Foreign Missions	Women's B. F. M. Society	Publication Society	Christian Education	Aged Ministers' Home	Local Missions	Other Objects	Total for Beneficence	Grand Total for All Objects
Bethany, W S Cooper	$ 3 00	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 1 00	$ 5 00	$	$ 9 00	$ 143 50
Bethel, D H Clements	21 50									2 25	23 75	137 25
Good Hope, J H Fuson	100 00										100 00	384 40
1st Hutsonville, W J Moore	7 00	7 00		7 00		10 50					31 50	354 50
Hutsonville, W J Moore	5 00	6 50		13 06	4 70			5 35			34 61	330 11
Hidalgo, W S Cooper	3 50			1 00							4 50	146 80
Island Grove, W P Chamness	11 79	2 20		3 40		3 32		2 97	3 27	2 00	28 95	163 20
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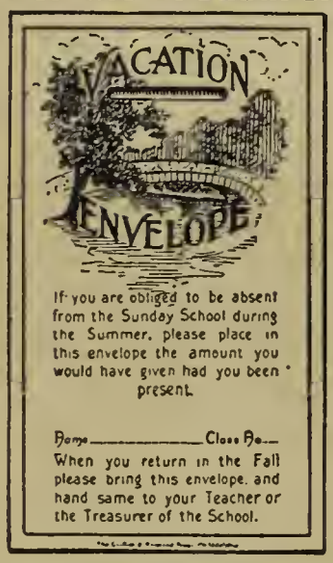
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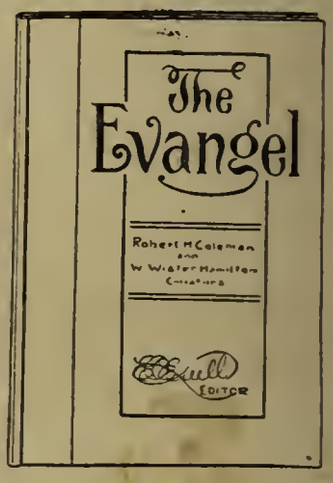

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